

# Indian Health Service

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## SOURCES OF FUNDING AND METHODS FOR ALLOCATING TO SITES

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# IHS - Overview

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- ✿ The IHS is an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services and is the primary Federal agency responsible to provide health care services, in partnership with Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Urban Indian programs, to approximately 1.4 million American Indians and Alaska Natives.
  - ✿ The Indian health care system consists of 12 regional (or Area) offices and 157 Service Units, which administer health care services through a system of 48 hospitals, 238 health centers, 167 health stations, 180 Alaska village clinics, and 34 urban projects. The location of these facilities range from remote rural locations to heavily populated urban areas, although most are in rural reservation communities in 35 states, mostly in the Western United States and Alaska.
  - ✿ Annual Patient Services (Tribal and IHS facilities):
    - ✿ Inpatient Admissions: 60,645
    - ✿ Outpatient visits: 9,434,282
    - ✿ Dental visits: 954,570
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# IHS FUNDING SOURCES

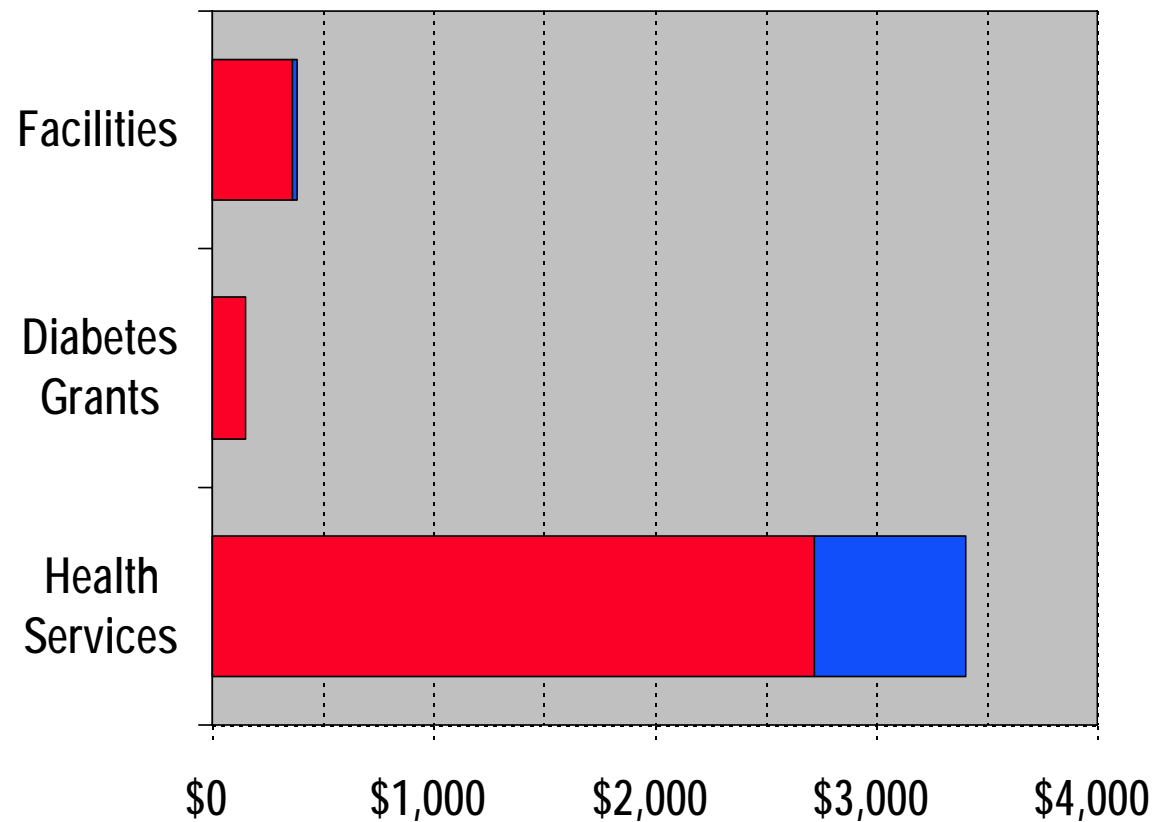


**\$3.9 billion**

**83%** of funds is appropriated by Congress primarily in 3 distinct categories – facilities, diabetes, and services

**17%** of funding is from reimbursements from Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurance of patients

2006 Funding in Millions \$

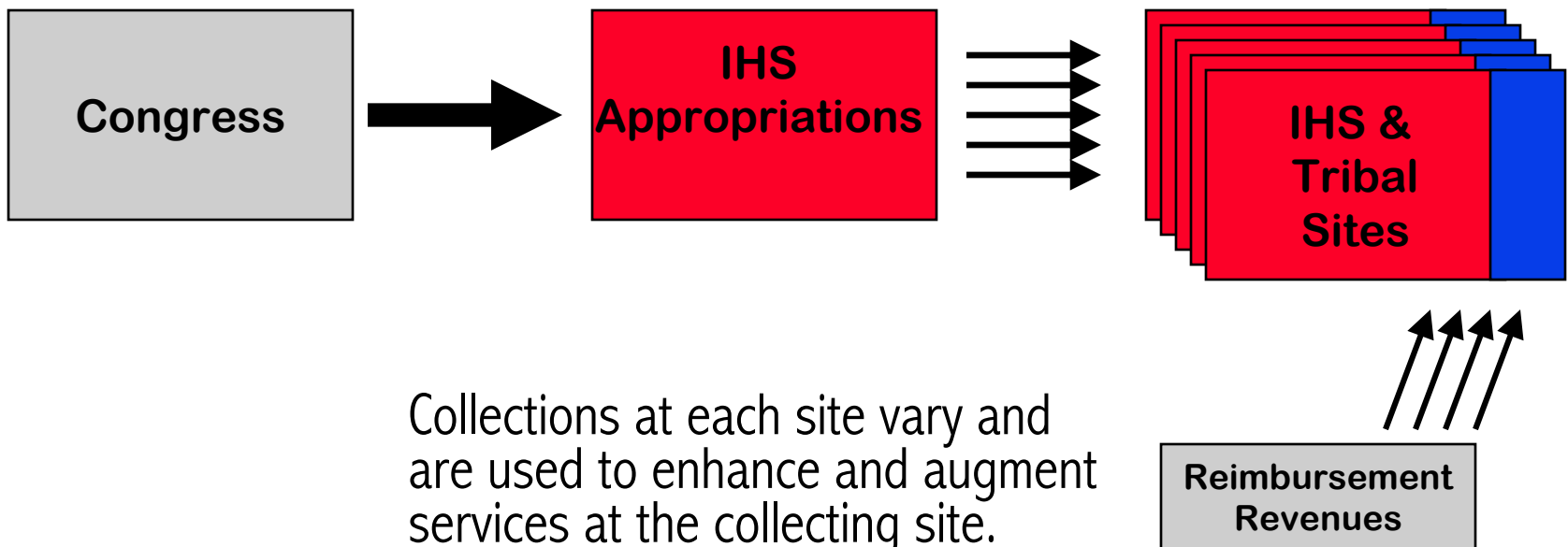




# ALLOCATIONS TO HUNDREDS OF HEALTH CARE SITES



Almost all appropriated funds are dispersed among and used in hundreds of locally operated health care programs, hospitals, clinics, tribal health care sites located in 35 states.



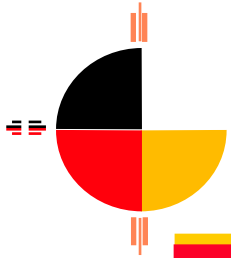


# MOST IHS FUNDING IS TO CONTINUE EXISTING SERVICES

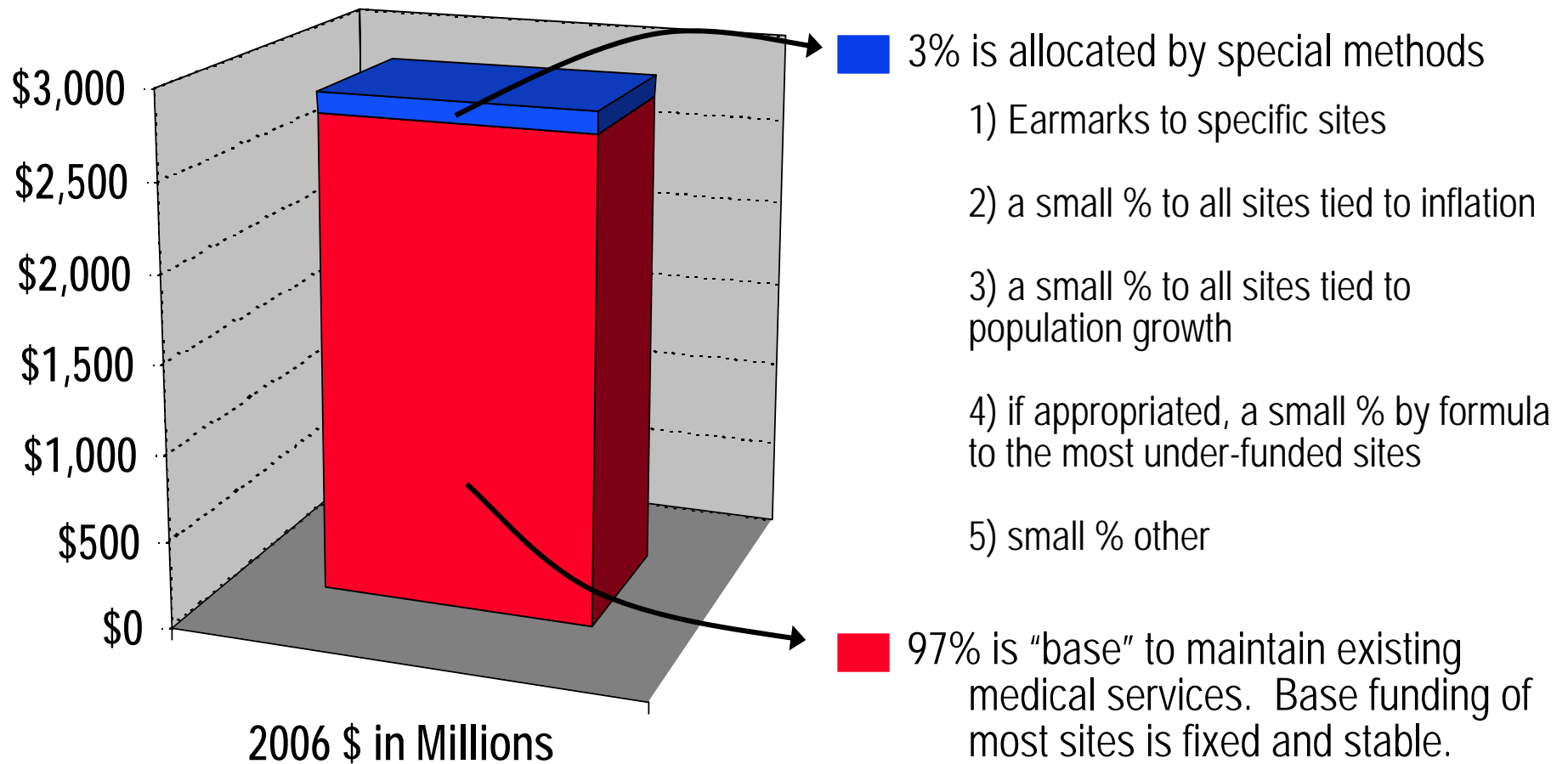
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- ❖ IHS funding from the Congress consists of annual **DISCRETIONARY** appropriations (not automatic entitlements)
  - ❖ The Congress intends the vast majority of annual appropriations to be used in existing local health care sites to **MAINTAIN** health care services to Indian people
  - ❖ Because most IHS funding is to maintain previously existing level of patient care services at all sites, the annual allocations to sites is predominantly fixed and automatic. This fixed amount is called "**BASE**" funding.
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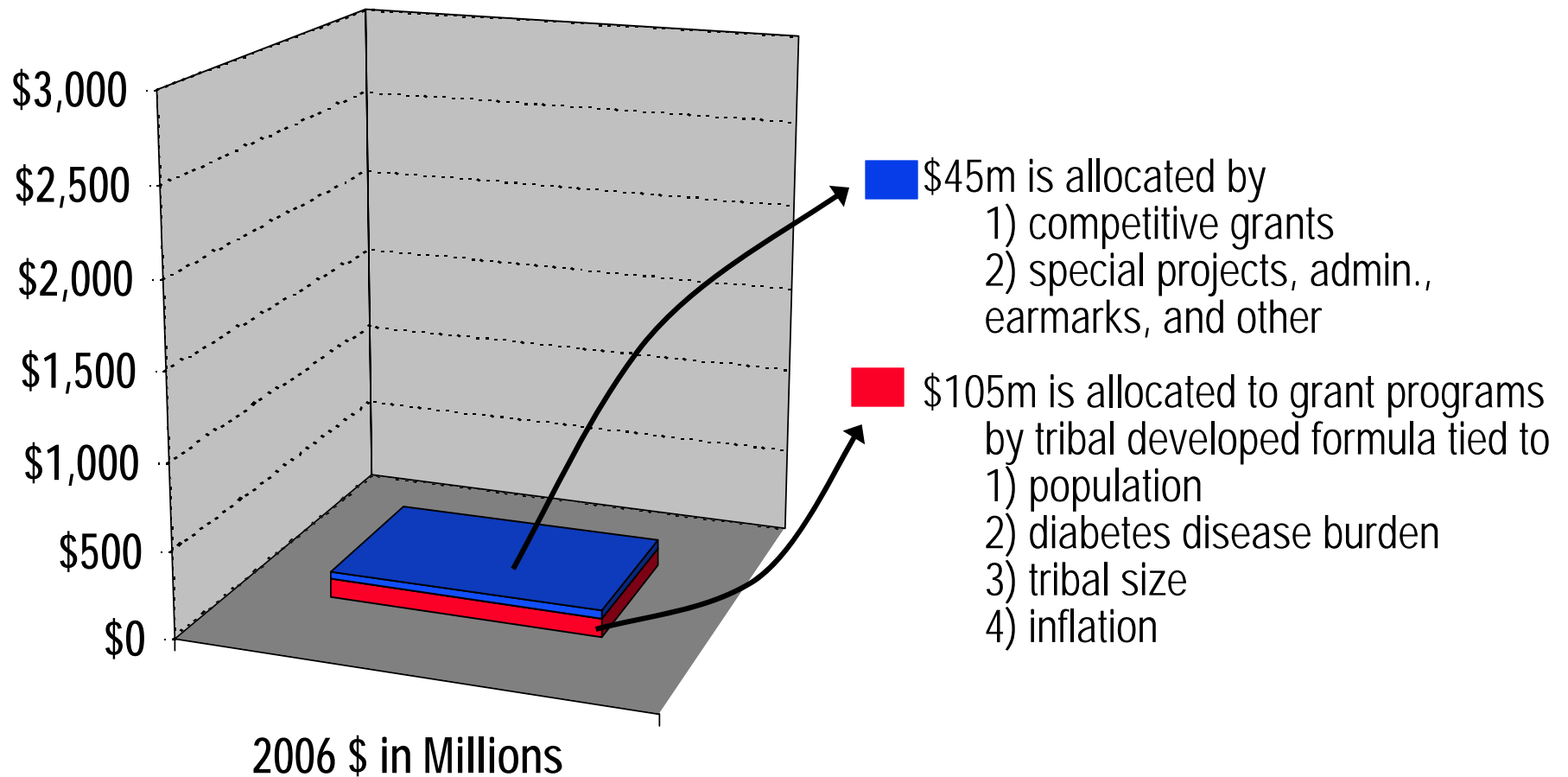


# Allocation of \$2.7b SERVICES APPROPRIATION



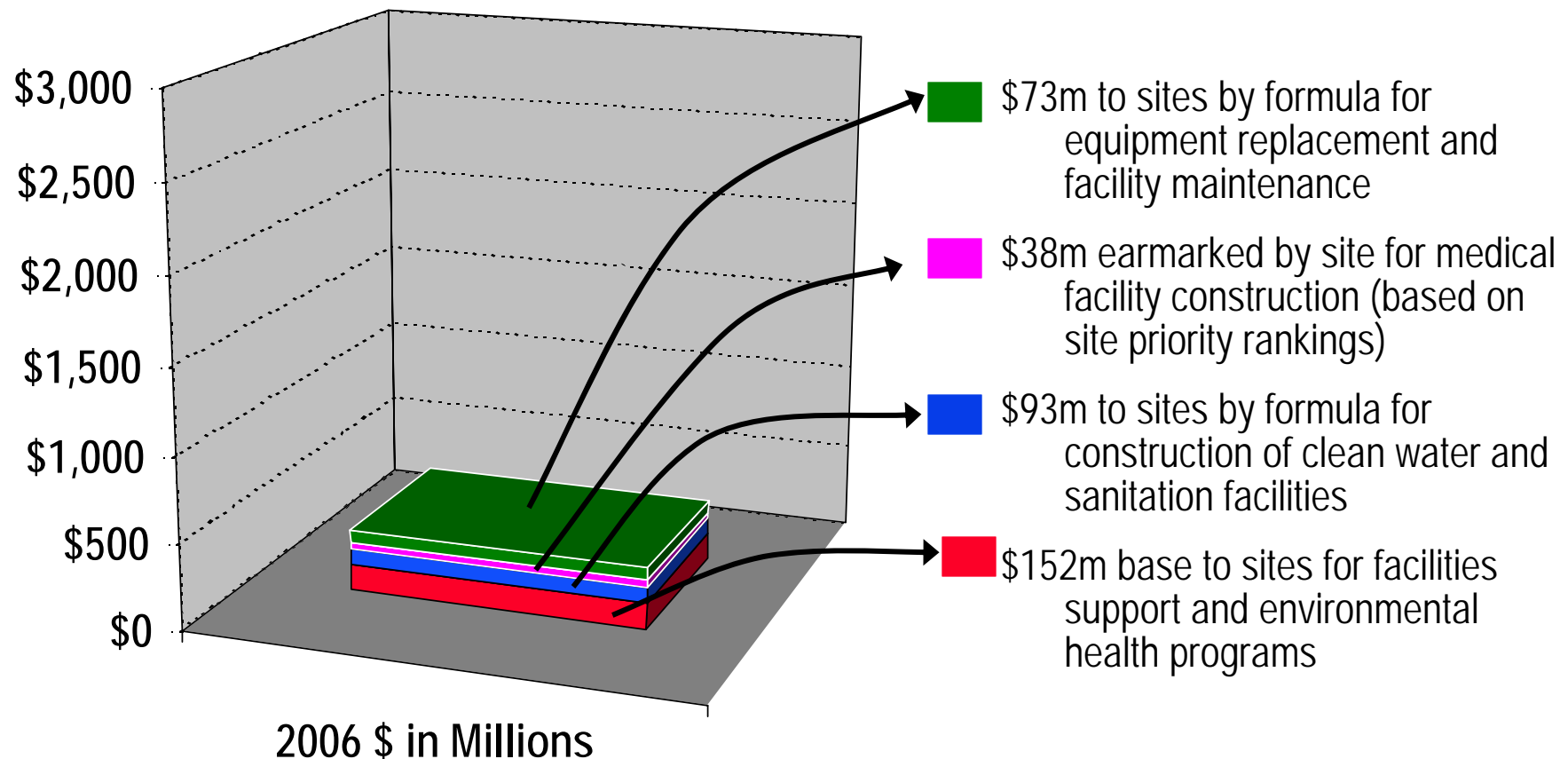


## Allocation of \$150m DIABETES APPROPRIATION





## Allocation of \$357m for CONSTRUCTION etc.







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